GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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NATIONAL MISSION ON MEDICINAL PLANTS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to set up National Mission on medicinal plants;

(b) if so,the details thereof;

(c) the total hectares of land proposed to be covered under cultication of medicinal plants and other purposes;

(d) whether there is also a proposal to set up nurseries under public and private sectors; and

(e) if so,the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE(SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The Government has approved a new Centrally Sponsored Scheme of National Mission on Medicinal Plants for implementation during the 11th plan involving total outlay of Rs. 630 crores. The Mission seeks to develop medicinal plants sector through production of raw material of quality for use of AYUSH/Herbal industry as well as for exports of value added items. The scheme on Mission covers the following:

Support for cultivation of medicinal plants in clusters through cooperatives,self held groups, producer companies and associations of growers.

Setting up of seed centres and nurseries for supply of certified planting material.

Support for Medicinal Plants Processing and Post Harvest Management including Marketing including Marketing.

Management support for implementation.Itis proposed to cover upto 1,00,000 hectare ofland under medicinal plants.

(d) & (e) Yes,Sir.It is proposed to establish Model Nurseries/Small Nurseries under public and private sector.A Model Nursery will be on an area of about 4 hectares and may produce 2-3 lakh plants depending upon the input cost and time required for the plants to be fit for planting.Small Nurseries will be on about 1 hectare and will have infrastructure facility to have 60,000-70,000 plants.It is proposed to set up about 200 such nurseries both in public and private sector.